US Foreign office at Hyderabad

2395. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US Embassy has written to the Ministry in 1996 for permission to open US foreign office and commercial services office at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) the action taken by the Government on the proposal; and

(d) by when the permission is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) There was a proposal to open a United States Foreign Commercial Service office at Hyderabad in 1996.

(b) to (d) After obtaining the concurrence of concerned departments the Government of India cleared the proposal in March 2000. The United States has, since then, opened a commercial services office at Hyderabad.

Indo-Bangladesh dialogue

†2396. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had held any dialogue with the representatives of Bangladesh regarding ongoing anti-India activities by terrorists in Bangladesh during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of the occasions since 1999 when such dialogues were held; and

(c) the details of the evidences furnished by India regarding terrorist activities on each occasion alongwith the reaction of Bangladesh thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.